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SUBJECT: AFM-PARTIES PACT NEGOTIATIONS NEARLY CONCLUDED

REF: LISBON 0930 (DTG 111516Z FEB 76)

1. PACT: REVISED VERSION OF ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT -
POLITICAL PARTIES PACT WAS PRESENTED TO THE PS ON FEB 16.
PPD HAS NOT YET RECEIVED LATEST TEXT OF PACT, BUT ANTICIPATED
NO PROBLEMS.

2. PS POSITION: SOCIALIST LEADER MARIO SOARES TOLD AMBASSADOR
FEB 17 THAT THE PACT WAS SET. SOARES ALSO SAID THAT AGREEMENT HAD
BEEN REACHED TO HOLD PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS "A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME
AFTER LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS."

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3. PPD POSITION: PPD SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF FEB 17 THAT

PPD WAS AGREEABLE TO HOLDING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS UP TO 60 DAYS AFTER LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS. THE IMPORTANT POINT FOR PPD IS THAT COSTA GOMES LEAVE THE PRESIDENCY AS SOON AFTER ELECTIONS AS POSSIBLE.

4. OFFICIAL OF NATIONAL ELECTIONS COMMISSION TOLD US FEB 18 THAT AGREEMENT HAD NOW BEEN REACHED BY PS, PPD AND REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL TO HOLD LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS APRIL 25, OR AT MOST TWO WEEKS THEREAFTER. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS WOULD FOLLOW WITHIN 3-4 WEEKS.

5. COMMENT: THE WAY NOW APPEARS CLEAR FOR EARLY SIGNING OF THE PACT. FOLLOWING ITS SIGNATURE, THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY WHICH RESUMED SESSIONS FEB 18 CAN COMPLETE CHAPTER ON POLITICAL ORGANIZATION.
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